

## Concerning Money.

It is wonderful how the subject of money permeates everything and crops up in all conversations. It is not necessary to enter the banks, or exchanges, or other business houses of the city to hear it discussed. Two men cannot meet upon the street and talk for a few minutes without mentioning the subject incidentally, if indeed it be not the principal theme of their conversation. Taking at random a page of a newspaper we find fifteen articles, of which eight refer directly to money, three indirectly, and only four that have no reference at all to it; while nearly every advertisement in its pages was inserted in the hope of making money. It has been said by a writer of unquestionable authority that: "Money is always a pleasant subject," but we cannot help thinking that the professor's experiences of life must have been exceptionally fortunate to have caused him to arrive at that conclusion. The dulcet imagination can conceive of many situations when money furnishes anything but a pleasant topic of conversation; as, for example, in an interview between an impatient creditor and an impecunious debtor, or between a manufacturer and his employees, when the latter are striking for higher wages, or between the wealthy father of a young lady and her penniless lover, when a marriage settlement has to be discussed, or between a parsimonious husband and an extravagant wife, whose millinery and dressmaking bills are overdue, or between an absconding cashier of a bank and the irate directors, when he has been arrested and brought back to face them. But why go on with the list? There are hundreds of cases when the word "money" becomes decidedly unpleasant to the ear. However, when a man wishes to utter a striking generality he is not to be deterred by exceptions, however numerous; but he might have said with more truth that it is always "an interesting subject," because it is so personal, whether viewed from the side of the capitalist who has so much money he does not know what to do with it, or from that of the poor fellow who has not a dollar in the world, and who does not know where his dinner is coming from.

The subject of money was suggested by a newspaper statement that the amount of money in active circulation in the country is greater than it ever was before, amounting to about \$27 for every man, woman and child in the country. These figures may be approximately right, or they may not be, but we are not going to either verify or contradict them. What strikes us in the statement is the idea of the revolution it would cause in the country if every man, woman and child could have their equal portion of the active wealth of the land. It is safe to assert, however, that in the twinkling of an eye the greater part of it would again change hands, since there are many persons whose hands are so formed that money invariably "slips through their fingers," and others have in their hands an adhesive quality, a kind of attraction of adhesion, that holds money as in a vise. So long as this difference in men's disposition exists the dreams of the communists will remain but dreams; the rich will go on getting richer and the poor poorer—the latter is a possibility.

It might be supposed that in a social life this mercenary topic would be avoided as being out of harmony with the pleasure and interests of refined people; but such is not the case. The most charming girl in the ball room discusses with her partner the fortunes and prospects of the other girls in her set, or of their reputed admirers. Or she will compare the cost of certain articles of adornment with one of her girl friends, or mention the ridiculous price a third friend paid for the dress that "makes her look like a fright." Money is constantly a topic of conversation at dinner tables, and ladies are quite certain to mention dollars and cents during the course of a morning call, even though it only be in discussing the funds of some charitable association to which they belong, so that the subject is quite an impersonal one. To listen to them one would think the professor's remark about it being a "pleasant" theme justified, so much interest and eagerness do they show in contriving plans to get money, and how to expend it to the best advantage.

The pecuniary consideration "Is there money in it?" is constantly at work in every community, clogging the wheels of progress toward higher and better things: It prevents many a man of worth and integrity from holding any office, or taking part in any movement for the general good.

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unless he can see at the same time that it will advance his business interests. He fully appreciates the great need there is for men of high character in political offices, as well as in those that cannot properly be classed as political, but he will accept none of them because he knows that, if honestly held, there is no money in them, and he will not stoop to the means that make them remunerative. He is too busy with his own affairs to sacrifice them to the public good. He may be a Cincinnatus in theory, but he continues to plough his own fields no matter what danger may threaten his Rome. Since these are the principles that actuate many fairly good men, we need feel no surprise that others who are less conscientious should make money the touchstone by which they try every action. Before giving a hearty support to anything they wait to see how it will affect their private interests, and while they are weighing the pros and cons the opportunity to do some great good is lost. This eagerness for immediate gain often binds even the keenest seeker after wealth to his own interests. He forgets that what benefits the city in which he lives must ultimately be of use to everyone who has possessions in it; and that the losses of the community at large must be felt by all composing it. And so when he objects to give of his means for anything—except when the law forces it from him in the shape of taxes—he is really refusing to do what would ultimately redound to his own good.

It appears, therefore, that it is money which makes the world go round and not "love," as the poet tried to make us believe; and we are all as busy as possible trying to keep it moving. "How much money is there in it?" or "Is there any money in it?" are the questions invariably asked when a new enterprise is suggested, and the projector may be sure of a ready response if he can reply in the affirmative and show proof that he is speaking the truth. If the proposed movement be purely a benevolent one, or something that will raise the mental or moral condition of the people, and funds be required to carry it out, it is surprising how much eloquence it requires to make men go into it. Day after day the most touching appeals are made through the papers in behalf of this or that charity, but readers, after a cursory glance, turn to something else and the appeal is unheeded. Or if he is affected at all by it he gives a small sum and then feels his conscience quite at ease for that year, thinking that he has done all that can reasonably be expected of him "because he is so often called upon to help that kind of thing." Were there money in it he would doubtless give the subject full consideration.—Sunday news.

## Ignorant of Geography.

"A thing about Americans which has surprised me more than anything else," said a German artist, who has been visiting in this city for six months past, "is that with all your patriotism you know so little about the geography of your own country, that holds money as in a vise. So long as this difference in men's disposition exists the dreams of the communists will remain but dreams; the rich will go on getting richer and the poor poorer—the latter is a possibility."

There were several Americans in the circle, and they looked rather surprised. None of the men spoke. They knew that they were weak in geography, and that here was a challenge which would have to pass.

Not so a bright young woman of 20, who rushed into the breach with her head in the air.

"We do know the geography of our country," she said, decidedly. "Of course we do. Every child learns it in school."

"Might I ask you a question or two?" the foreigner said quietly. "The names of the capitals of some of your States, for instance?"

"Certainly, I'll be glad to answer," and she nodded confidently at the young American man who was already beginning to fear for her.

"What is the capital of Massachusetts?" was his first question.

"Boston!" was the prompt answer from the girl.

"And North Carolina?" That seemed to puzzle her a little, and it was a full minute before she answered "Charlotte!"

The foreigner smiled, but made no effort to correct her. "What is the highest mountain in the United States?" he asked.

"It's not fair to ask about mountains," she protested. "You said I didn't know the capitals."

"The capital of Illinois is?" "Chi—Springfield, I mean."

"Of Montana?" For the life of her she could not think of a town in Montana. "It's been an age since I studied geography," she explained.

"Your answers were better than the average," said the man. "You got one right out of four. As I said, American geography surprises me."—New York Tribune.

## The Beef Cattle Supply.

In the June number of the World's Work Mr. G. W. Ogden discusses the present high price for beef, the cause of which he finds is an insufficient supply of beef cattle, the cattle industry not having kept up with the increase of population.

There is, he says, a region 1,000 miles long and 600 wide in the West that was shrivelled last summer by the severest drought in its history. The region extends in a northwest direction, from the Rio Grande, and includes a great part of Texas, Oklahoma, Indian Territory, Missouri, Kansas, and parts of Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska, and packers get cattle from it between the end and the beginning of the grass fattening season, or from October to June. Lean cattle are shipped into the territory during the summer months to be got into condition for market. From April 18 to July 26 last year less than half an inch of rain fell over the whole region. Cattle died and those that survived were sent to market before they were in fit condition. All the beef country south of Kansas City was stripped of cattle and traders then said it meant a shortage for this spring. About 250,000 were sent to the Northwest, where there was plenty of grass and water, but they cannot be marketed for two years. There might be some relief in the supply of grass-fattened cattle from the Southwest during June and July, but Mr. Ogden doubts whether, under most favorable circumstances, beef will ever again be as cheap as it was five years ago, as there are fewer cattle in proportion to population and the situation is further straightened by an export trade.

This is the explanation commonly made by and on behalf of the great beef corporations, and it is doubtless true in large part. Certain facts, however, are not usually mentioned when the explanation is offered, as it is offered frequently. One fact is that while the supply of cattle in the indicated region has been more or less reduced by the conditions described, it is known that the corporations have been drawing largely to make up the deficiency, on parts of the country, especially the Gulf States, from which it had never drawn before, so that the shortage in the drought-stricken region was supplied in considerable part from the surplus stock in more fortunate regions. That material help was derived from this source plainly appears from the fact reported by the latest bulletin of the export bureau of the treasury department that beef cattle to the value of \$2,000,000 was exported during the month of May, while the exports of dressed carcasses and canned products for the month brought the total up to \$5,000,000. The "shortage" evidently was not nearly of Egyptian severity. To the suggestion, again, that if the shortage was as serious as it was alleged to be, it might have been relieved in some measure by imports from Canada, the answer has been made that there were "no cattle to spare in Canada," but there appears to be some error in this claim. The fact is noted that the price of beef on the other side of the lakes has been 25 to 30 per cent lower than the prices on this side during the whole period of our high prices, which proves that the shortage has not extended across the line.

There are two views of the "situation," it appears, therefore, and we can happily find encouragement in both of them. If, as is claimed, on the one hand, the shortage does not exist in fact, and the high prices are of the trust's ordering merely, consumers may expect a return to lower prices sooner or later. If, on the other hand, Mr. Ogden is right in his conclusion that beef will never be as cheap again as it was before the rise, cattle men and farmers generally in the South are to be congratulated on the prosperity thereby promised to them. The population of the country is increasing by millions every decade. The area of free pasture land in the Southwest is not increasing, but decreasing. The farmers of the country must furnish practically all its beef supply in a few years more; and the Southern farmers will find that condition especially favorable to them if they will employ the opportunity it affords to them.—News and Courier.

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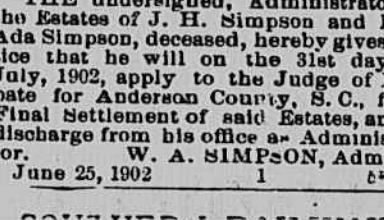
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W. A. SIMPSON, Adm'r.

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**SOUTHERN RAILWAY.**



Condensed Schedule in Effect June 30th, 1901.

## Compressed Schedule in Effect

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STATIONS.	Daily No. 15.	Daily No. 11.
Ar. Charleston	11:03 p.m.	7:00 a.m.
Ar. Summerville.	12:00 n't	7:41 a.m.
Ar. Branchville.	2:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
Ar. Orangeburg.	2:45 a.m.	9:28 a.m.
Ar. Kingville.	4:05 a.m.	10:24 a.m.
Ar. Savannah.	12:30 p.m.	12:30 a.m.
Ar. Aiken.	4:13 a.m.	4:18 a.m.
Ar. Blackville.	4:28 a.m.	4:28 a.m.
Ar. Columbia.	6:00 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Ar. Prosperity.	7:14 a.m.	12:39 n.m.
Ar. Newberry.	8:00 a.m.	12:55 p.m.
Ar. Ninety-Six.	8:25 a.m.	1:00 p.m.
Ar. Greenwood.	8:50 a.m.	2:05 p.m.
Ar. Hodges.	9:15 a.m.	3:25 p.m.
Ar. Abbeville.	9:28 a.m.	3:45 p.m.
Ar. Bolton.	9:45 a.m.	4:45 p.m.